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FBI Chief Misses Court Date

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa—U.S. District Court Judge Edward McManus yesterday ordered FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley to show cause why he should not be cited for contempt of court for not appearing at the murder trial of two American Indians in response to a subpoena issued 10 days ago.

Kelley, who was subpoenaed to testify as a defense witness, was ordered to appear in court today to explain his absence at yesterday's session, according to defense attorney Fred Dumbauh.

U.S. Attorney Evan Hultman confirmed Kelley would comply with McManus' order and would be on hand when the court convened this morning.

"It's been indicated to the court that Mr. Kelley will be present," he said.

The trial of Darelle Butler, 33, of Rogue River, Ore., and Robert Robideau, 29, of Portland, Ore., was recessed June 25 after McManus approved a defense motion to subpoena Kelley, FBI public relations director Thomas Coll, Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Rep. Otis Pike (D-N.Y.).

Butler and Robideau are accused of killing FBI agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams on the Pine Ridge, S.D., Indian Reservation last summer.

At the time he granted chief defense attorney William Kunstler's request for the subpoenas, McManus said testimony from Kelley and the others would be "necessary for an adequate defense."

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